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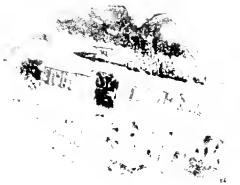

VISION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—It falls to my lot to be your adviser for your present and future happiness. No man knows when, and what time, and what stations in life, he may be called to fulfill. Little did I think that I would have been called to fill a station when I had never known there was such a station to be filled. My education is very limited, and I never resorted to the proper means that I should have, to improve myself. I scarcely ever read the Bible or any history till recently. My labors for the last six months have been hard; at times very exciting, when I had obtained a point which I had labored for a week at a time with scarcely any sleep. O, think, when a man's mind penetrates through those heavenly bodies, and sees in vision, so that he can grasp the central movements of this planetary system. O, this is the time that a man becomes so agitated that his nervous system is thoroughly tested. O, this is the time that the tears steal down his cheeks in spite of everything that he can do. My remarks will be plain, brief and conclusive, and you are to be your own judges as to what course you should pursue.

I was seven days at the death of Abraham Lincoln, in a singular condition. On Saturday evening after his death, about two o'clock, I heard of his terrible slaughter. I was struck with horror. I never had such feelings produced on me by the death of any man. About five o'clock the same evening I saw new features in this government that I never saw before. From that evening till the Saturday morning following, new ideas presented themselves every day during the seven days. On Tuesday or Wednesday the same week this idea presented itself to me: American government is based on God's laws, and when man's laws become perfect the people on this earth will come to an end. At the time these ideas presented themselves they shined and glistened like the sun. These ideas hung around until I

became reckless and uneasy, and the sweat run through my pores freely, and a thought suggested itself to me to write it down on paper. I was five hundred yards from the house when that idea suggested itself to me. I went to the house and put it down on paper. When I had placed it on paper, that instant I was shocked, or electrified, all over to the center. The paper I wrote those few lines on dazzled and glistened like snow when the sun shines upon it. The lines I had written showed as if they were in waves. During the seven days it appeared as if I had got in another world. Everything was right the reverse from my usual way of seeing things. The remainder of that week—from the time I was shocked—everything that I cast my eyes upon assumed a new appearance. During that week I wrote on several subjects varying from each other. By running the bearings of each subject I arrived at central conclusions.—Religion and American government are constructed on the same principles, and they are a combined structure in one sense.—They are separate and apart in another sense, and designed for the happiness of man. There are central and correct principles laid down in the laws for men to be guided by. When I speak of laws I mean the Bible and the Constitution of the United States. They are both sacred instruments, and neither will be trampled under foot. Men should be careful in changing either of these instruments to suit their notions. There are central principles that nations will arrive at; there are central principles that men will arrive at, as regards their future happiness. There are central principles that men will arrive at as to the spiritual condition of men. There are central principles that each branch of business will arrive at. This the highest and noblest form of political government is represented by an eagle; a free eagle; one that enjoys universal liberty. So the government of which the eagle is the emblem is to be a liberal government—a universal Democracy on a Republican form of government—and is to extend its power, as the flying eagle, over all the world. America is now the land and home of the flying eagle. No man posseses the power of prescience, and therefore could not foresee the order of the events in the Divine government; and these relations and contingencies are their commencement and completings. No one but God can look into the future and tell precisely what will be the commencement, the course, the time and the completings of events; and blessings, and glory, and thanksgivings, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever.

The Heavens, and the Earth, and the Bible, and the Constitution of the United States, and the human race, are combined and consolidated structures of God's works.

American government is constructed upon the same principle that this earth is; and this earth has a center, and all the rain that falls on this earth draws to the center, and when at the center it explodes all over this earth in small particles, then in-

clines back to the center, and will continue this revolution as long as this earth stands.

American government revolves every twelve months, and accomplishes its fixed principles, just the same as the earth revolves every twelve months and accomplishes her fixed principles; and the President and his Cabinet and other statesmen are lights to this government just the same as the sun and the moon and the stars are lights to this earth; and the President and Cabinet, and other statesmen and officers, down to Supervisors of the roads, have their channels or fixed principles to operate in every year during their continuance in office, just the same as the sun and stars have their channels and fixed principles to perform, as long as this earth stands. Now, the light or knowledge reflects through channels from the President to the people, and from the people through channels to the President.

American government is constructed upon the same principle that the Heavens are; and the sun is in the center of the heavens, or Universe; and the sun has the attracting and ruling power over the stars and earth; on bodies as they revolve in their channels or orbits, and accomplish their fixed principles; and light reflects, or is conveyed through channels from the sun upon those stars, or bodies, as they revolve in their spheres or orbits; and from those stars or bodies the light reflects, or is conveyed, through channels to the sun, as they revolve in their spheres or orbits.

Lightning is constructed upon the same principles that this earth is. Suppose a wire was belted round this earth, and electricity applied, it would run round this earth with the same velocity that this earth runs. Suppose the wire is cut, the electricity explodes all over the earth, then inclines back to the center. Lightning purifies the atmosphere; gun powder purifies the laws, and calomel purifies the system.

The human race is constructed upon the same principles that this earth is. A man has a heart, and the blood revolves from the heart to the most extreme parts of the system; then it inclines back to the heart, and the blood will continue these revolutions during his natural life.

Now, the heavens and the earth, and every living creature thereon, and the trees, and the vegetation, are all constructed upon the same principle. Those who have ears let them hear.

The American government is a white man's government. Its institutions should be free. Free labor, free schools, free speech, free press, free ballot, free religion. These institutions tolerated give every man and woman equal rights. By these principles all the knowledge in the nation is thrown out in small parcels; then it inclines back to the center of this nation; and the President is placed on the center of this nation until his time expires; and each man and woman should have the right to express his or her opinion, in their own way, concerning the laws that govern this nation; and by these principles all the

knowledge in the nation collects in a channel. There has to be two parties to control this channel—one right the reverse of the other. I will reverse this channel to the head of the Ohio river. Now, there has to be two banks, one right opposite the other, to control this channel to its destination. If these banks are not sufficiently strong to conduct this water, or either side draws off from its usual place, the water will follow it and devastate the whole country as far as it spreads, and the water will remain there until this bank that drew off resumes its proper position; then the water will take its usual channel; then it glides to the ocean or the center of the earth. As the water collects to the center it revolves over the earth in small particles, then collects in channels, and winds its way back to the center, this water will continue to revolve over the earth, and through the earth, as long as this earth shall stand. It is upon the same principle that this government is constructed. There are marked channels on fixed principles to be carried out, and the two parties make their appearance. They have a check upon each other, and the President is placed in the center, with the attracting and ruling power. One party is elected by the people to follow this channel for a certain period of time. If they deviate from the fixed principles, or draw off from the fixed principles, the other party takes the channel, and will control, for the time being; and if any section of territory, or party, hauls off from the channel, or will not be ruled, nor submit unto the laws regulating the people, it creates a convulsion in the government, and the turn of tide sweeps over the country and devastates all. It sweeps over until that territory forms its usual place.

Every beginning is shrouded in a mist—those vague ideas beyond: and the traveler setteth on his journey, oppressed with his many thoughts—balancing his hopes and fears, and looking for some order in the chaos—some secret path between the cliffs that seem to bar his way. So he commenced the clue to unraveling its tangled schemes, and boldly speedeth on to thread the labarynth before him. Then as he gropeth in the darkness, light is attendant on his steps. He walketh straight in fervent faith, and difficulties vanish at his presence. The very flashing of his sword scattereth foes confident and sanguine of success.—He goeth forth "conquering and to conquer."

American government is based on God's laws, and man's laws will come on a level with God's laws, either by legislation or by the sword. Now, as each and every State or star forms a part of this government, and a body within itself, and supports its own weight within itself; now, as each and every man or star forms a part of this government and a body within himself, he should support his own weight of the burdens of this government according to his bulk or wealth; then every man or star would secure his own level, and revolve within himself. This is the true principle of this government and it will be carried

out. This Union will grow and it will continue to increase in strength and power, though it may be cemented and cleansed in blood.

The sun and stars are separate bodies within themselves, and they support themselves within themselves by the attraction of each other. Now, all these stars or bodies have their attractions to each other, and to the sun, as they revolve around the sun in their channels or orbits, and the stars or bodies that are nearest the sun are the smallest of those bodies; and those stars or bodies increase in size as they recede from the sun; and the further they withdraw from the sun the longer it takes them to make their revolution round the sun. Now, those large stars or bodies have their waters just the same as the sun has her waters, according to their bulk or size. I base my remarks on the sizes and numbers of those planets that revolve around the sun as a center, from Sir Isaac Newton's works on Astronomy.

The Solar System consists of the sun and twenty-nine other bodies which revolve around him at various distances, and in various periods of time. The bodies which revolve around the sun as a center are called and primary planets; thus the Earth, Venus and Mars are primary planets. Those which revolve around the primary planets are called secondary planets, moons or satelites. The primary planets revolve around the sun in the following order, and complete their revolutions in the following times, computed in our days and years: Beginning with that nearest to the sun—Mercury performs her revolutions in eighty-seven days and twenty-three hours; Venus in 224 days and 17 hours; the Earth, attended by the Moon, in 365 days and 6 hours; Mars, in one year and 322 days; Ceres, in 4 years, 7 months and 10 days; Jupiter, in 11 years, 315 days and 16 hours; Saturn, in 29 years, 161 days and 19 hours. Now I will present the two largest planets and the sizes of those two planets, with their movements among the heavenly bodies, and their bearings to each other as they revolve in their spheres. The Sun is the center of the Solar System, and the great dispenser of heat and light to all the planets around it. All the planets revolve as around a common center; the Sun being the largest body in our system, and so far as we know, the largest in the Universe. The distance of the sun from the earth is ninety-five millions of miles, and his diameter is estimated at 880,000 millions. Our globe, when compared with the magnitude of the sun, is a mere point, for his bulk is thirteen hundred thousand times greater than that of the earth. I will present the planet called Herschel, completes her revolution around the sun in nearly 84 of our years, moving in his orbit at the rate of 15,000 miles in an hour. His diameter is 35,000 miles; so that his bulk is about eighty times that of the earth. The light and heat of the sun at Herschel, is about 360 times less than it is at the earth, and yet it has been found, by calculation, that the light is equal to 248 of our full moons—a striking proof of the

in conceivable quantity of light emitted by the sun. This planet has six satelites which revolve around him at various distances, and in different times. The periods of some of these have been ascertained, while those of the other remain unknown.—These two planets are the extreme planets, or the two largest, and the sun is the center, and Herchel is the farthest from the sun, and they have full control of, or check upon, the other planets as they revolve in their spheres, or orbits.

Now, this government is constructed upon the same principles that those heavenly bodies are. The President represents the sun, and the people represent the planet called Herschel, and they are 1,800 millions of miles apart; and the President holds one end of the string, and the people hold the other end of the string; and the power, or laws, gradually recede down from the President down to the people, and is a combined structure, and each officer is invested with a certain power, or bounds; and they are held with checks binding on each other. The people are the law makers, or the sovereign power is invested in them. The people set forth their views, or measures, that they wish to be carried out. If they are not correct views they must suffer in proportion to their errors. The people elect their statesmen to make their laws; they elect the officers to execute their laws; their statesmen and officers are elected for a certain period of time. If they deviate from the wishes of the people they should haul them off and place others in their stead. The President is elected every four years, and other officers at different periods, as the laws direct. There has to be two parties to fill these offices—one right the reverse of the other. These two parties set their views before the public, and they are to be the judges, and decide their views. Now, these politicians take sides right the reverse of each other, and there is a great deal of gas explodes from these gentlemen as they endeavor to set forth their views concerning the welfare of the people and themselves. The day is set, and these two parties come in contact with each other at the ballot box; and one party destroys the other party for the next four years; and at that time the party that got defeated may defeat the other party for a certain period of time. This is owing to how they shape their measures that come before the people.

Boys it won't do to have—but it must be men to run this kind of a machine. They first burst our heads, and then they will burst our pockets. Wake up! This is designed with full force unto each party.

A few remarks to the laboring classes of mankind, is to watch your leaders in political life. There are reverses in everything that the mind can imagine. It is absolutely necessary that it should be; but it is not necessary that men should quarrel with each other on matters in which they are not interested. You should mingle with each other and have an interchange of opinion with each other, for peoples' minds differ from each other as

far as colors differ from each other. This appears to be the correct idea—that people should meet together and consider the changes in the laws they wish to be made. If our leaders can make us believe there is a certain class of politicians who are corrupt, it is the very thing they strike at. If these political leaders can get up a bubble between the people, it is all one-half of them care for. While the people quarrel about the purse the politician slips it in his pocket. This is the truth; and who is to blame? The people. It appears for the last several years that there has been a continued increase in the salaries of office holders. It appears that they can quarrel with each other on any matter that may come before them with the exception of raising their salaries. Upon this question they agree with each other very readily. It is an important matter that high salaries should be carried, for our forefathers established this form of government and the laws that regulate each branch of business, and the salaries that each branch should receive. These old men, who are dead and gone, left their land-marks to be followed. Some of those old men, of whom we see their portraits and signatures to those sacred documents that we have for our guides, will never be surpassed in all time to come, and their teachings should be reverenced in every walk of life.—The majority of our leading political men for the last ten years have filled their pockets with the corruption of their hearts, out of the people's pockets.

I will suggest a few ideas to my fellow-men in each denomination of Christian Brethren who join in society as the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should keep a strict watch over ourselves, and a strict watch over our leaders, and see that we are not led astray by designing men, who present themselves to be invested with all the power that is necessary to forgive sins or represent themselves to be the mediators between God and man. Now, my friends, to this class of men you should be cautious, for fear you should be led astray. At any rate, test their power before you place too much confidence in them. If these men can reverse the rivers, and turn them into blood, they are possessed with the power to carry any measure into effect that they may wish. If you are not possessed with this power you should get down on your knees before your God, and get your sins forgiven with the quickening and electrifying power of the Supreme Being. When you get your sins forgiven you never will make a mockery of our Savior in all time to come. There is only one true God, and through Him alone this blessing is received.

I will draw your attention to our duties to each other as Christians. We should mingle with each other in our churches. This appears to be the correct principle, that all denominations should adopt. These different denominations of Christians are a representation of those heavenly bodies that surround the sun as a center. If these different denominations would take this

method of conducting their meetings there would be a great deal of improvement in a short time. By these means the different denominations would be improved, through the attractions they would derive from each other.

A word on Baptism: There are reverses in everything, and the reverses are the balances of everything. Christ's blood was spilt for the redemption of sin, and Abraham Lincoln's blood was spilt for the redemption of this nation. Judges of courts in making up their decisions in divorce cases should be governed by the teachings of the Bible. A man can lose his property by his own negligence; a man can lose his soul by his own negligence. The sacred scriptures contain the great problem of divine truth which will not be fully solved till the night of time is passed and the day of eternity begins to dawn. Each denomination of Christians should adopt the same system for their church organization that this government does. It is on the correct principle. Wo! wo! wo! Reform! reform!

We will take a survey of God's power brought to the view of man. We see that the two greater bodies—right to the reverse of each other. For instance, fire and water. These are two great bodies, and neither can be disposed of. We will throw a portion of these two bodies together into a vessel, and see the effect that is produced. For instance, a shovel full of fire and a certain quantity of water. These two bodies are thrown together and an explosion takes place, and in a short period of time there is neither fire nor water in that vessel. If there had been a little less water there would have been a spark of fire left to kindle with. If there had been a larger quantity of water thrown together in the vessel, there would have been no fire, and a small quantity of water left. We see that these two bodies are designed to be kept separate and apart from each other. We will take a survey of the human race as we find them. We find that they are two great spirits that operate with them at times. These two spirits are right to the reverse of each other. One is the good spirit, the other the evil spirit. A man is led by the evil spirit until there is a change takes place. The good spirit presents itself at times. A man should not let this opportunity pass. When these two spirits come in contact with each other a collision takes place within a man. At that time the man is regenerated and born through the spirit of Christ; and at this time he has torn loose from his former companions. His heart and soul leap with joy. He has become the new man. That man never will forget that day or place that this change took place within him. If he lives up to his duty this good spirit will visit him every day, regular as the day comes. God has laid down his laws. They are laid down in two channels. They are laid down plain, and easy to be understood.—One leads a man to Heaven and the other to destruction.

We will take another survey of color on the human race. We find that they are the white man and the black man. They are

right the reverse of each other. Both races are designed to fill their sphere. Each race forms two separate bodies or channels. If the wickedness of man throws these two bodies or channels together there will be a collision take place between these two races, and one race will destroy the other race. We see that they are two separate races together, and the wickedness of man will prevail as long as these races are kept together. As time progresses these two races will seek their level and be consolidated in two separate bodies through the attraction of nature.—Those that have ears let them hear.

Our duty to this unfortunate race is to furnish them plenty of labor and see that they don't idle their time away. When their labor is done pay them for their labor, so that they may maintain themselves and families. This is one of this race that people should be careful in what position they place it. They have their certain sphere to revolve in. We can't place them upon a level with the white race. If we do the expense overruns the profit in property and blood. This race of people is a separate race which is thrown out of its proper channel, and they should have ample protection through the laws that govern the white race. No gentleman should ask for them to be put on a level with the white race. What God in his wisdom has set separate and apart from each other, it is beyond the power of man to consolidate.

I have endeavored to lay before the reader the true principles of this government, and the true principles to be carried out. We have just passed through one of those deadly conflicts which has been approaching for the last fifty years, or more, on account of a system of servitude of human beings which was adopted in some of the States contrary to God's laws. The consequence was that a difference of opinions sprung up between the free States and the slave States. These two reverses I will represent to your minds as two separate clouds—one in the north and one in the south. They were small fifty years ago. As each year progressed, these clouds would curl, and weave, and collect in these two bodies. As time progressed these two clouds collected in larger bodies, and the skies became darker and more stormy. These two clouds began to advance towards each other. The nearer they advanced to each other the darker they became.

I will present to your minds these clouds. When they present themselves they are accompanied with thunder and lightning and rain, or hail. The report of the cannon will represent thunder; cannon balls will represent lightning, as it passes through the heavens; grape shot represents forked lightning, or spotches; musket balls represent hail or rain. These two threatening bodies began to advance towards each other with mighty power and force. When they came in range of each other their big guns began to thunder at each other. The nearer they advanced to each other the quicker and faster they re-

plied to each other. Now death and destruction has begun to be dealt out to each of these two reverses. Now we behold the flags as they wave and flow and curl through the air by every breeze and current of the wind that happens to blow. Now we see the officers, and their men who are under their command, as they are marched in waves and curls through each other in solid column to deal death by wholesale to their fellow men, as they stand with their eyes gazing on each other, waiting for the command to be given; and the command is given, and the small arms roar, and the officers stammer and blow, and the cannons thunder from the two reverses, and death and destruction stare each man in the face who is engaged in this terrible scene, for the cannon balls roar as they pass through the air; the bullets whistle; the bayonets and the swords glisten, and the shrieks of the wounded and dying are too terrible to behold. O, look back a few short months and imagine the scenes and walks of your weary footsteps as you roamed over hill and valley, by day and night to meet your fellow being in deadly strife. O, think of your dear comrades whom you left behind on the field of battle, dead and dying, to rise no more on the broad ocean of this world of ours. O, think of the widows and orphans, and fathers, and mothers, and sisters, and brothers, whose tears steal down their cheeks when their minds wandered back upon those who were slain upon the field of battle on those days which are past and gone to return no more. Let the past be a lesson for all time to come, and look ahead for the future, and try to shape our future course so as to meet our fellow beings and extend to them the right hand of fellowship in any sphere that we may meet together in.

Now I will make a prophecy. If we get up a general muss among the people of this nation the earth will totter and tumble under the weight of it, and the blood will run in torrents.—O, you sinners take warning before it is too late. Your days are drawing near when you will stand before your God and hear the death sentence passed upon your soul. Those who have ears let them hear.

A man and his wife and their children are a representation of those heavenly bodies which revolve around the sun as a center. The man is the center, or represents the sun, and he has the attracting and ruling power over his wife and children as they revolve in their spheres; and his wife represents the star or planet called Herschel, and she is right the reverse, and holds the balance of power; and the children are between these two bodies. There is a flow of love and attraction existing between these two extreme bodies, and to their children, as they revolve in their sphere, and light and knowledge are conveyed through channels from the man to his wife and children, as they revolve in their sphere; and light and knowledge are conveyed through channels to her husband and children, as they revole in their sphere; and they are checks binding on those bodies as they revolve in their sphere.

The government that the Eagle represents is constructed on the same principle that religion is. God is the Supreme Being and controler of the heavens and earth, and all things therein. God has laid down his laws for man to live by, and die by; and they are plain and easy to be understood; and if a man wishes to get religion, or be enlightened, he must seek the Lord and be regenerated and born through the spirit of Christ. When a man receives this blessing he is enlightened, and has a spiritual knowledge of the great Supreme Being. This light and knowledge cannot be obtained in any other way only through Christ. When people receive a blessing there are love and good feeling towards each other and to their Redeemer, and praises and love are offered up to their Redeemer. The Christian receives warm seasons in return; there is a flow of love existing between the Redeemer and his children. This love or light reflects through channels from the Redeemer to his people, and from his people through channels to their Redeemer. This flow of love will continue as long as men live up to their duty. I will take a survey of those two bearings: The plough boy, by good diligence and good economy, may ascend to the President's seat; that is the highest gift of the people. The poorest man that walks on this earth, by seeking the Lord and being regenerated and quickened through the electrifying power of our Supreme Being, may ascend to the highest seat in heaven. Now, each State forms a part of this government, and a body within itself, and a flow of news is conveyed through the States to the government. It is on the same principle that each denomination of Christian bodies forms a part of Christ's church. Now, I will represent the body of a tree as Christ's church, and each limb thereon will represent each denomination of Christian bodies. When a man is regenerated, they may attach themselves to any limb on that tree that they may desire; and a man that has not been regenerated cannot ascend to either of those limbs; and when a man dies, his body returns to dust, and his soul is attached to the tree of life. Reform! Reform! Reform!

The human race is constructed on the same principles that this government is, and they are both as complete machinery as any man ever understood, and they are correct principles that men must understand to be successful in either of these branches. The doctor must understand the different diseases of man, and then understand the correct medicines that should be given for different kinds of diseases, if he wishes to be successful; and if a doctor administer a dose of medicine that is contrary to the disease, the patient suffers in proportion to the error; as to the different qualities of medicines, calomel stands at the head to purify the system; and quinine is right to the reverse; its qualities are to produce heat and strengthen the system. These medicines should be administered separate and apart from each other, until each medicine produces the effect it was designed to produce. Cholera is a disease that its disasters are most fa-

tal in crowded cities. The greater number of cases there is in a city, the more the atmosphere becomes pregnated, the more the system becomes pregnated with the disease; and when the system becomes thoroughly pregnated, the system relaxes and runs off. The authorities of cities should see that the streets and alleys are thoroughly cleansed, and measures resorted to that will purify the atmosphere. At such times the people should keep stringent medicines at their command to use when necessary. There will be new and more complicated diseases make their appearance in the human system as time progresses. Doctors should ferret these diseases out, and then ferret the medicines out that is designed to assist nature in her struggle. If there are medicines that will cure one disease, there are medicines that will cure all diseases that the system is subject to, when found out.

The day will come when each branch of business will arrive at perfection. There are correct principles for each branch of business, and when men thoroughly understand those principles, they may arrive at correct conclusions. The day will come when machinery will arrive to such perfection that they will be constructed on the same principles that those heavenly bodies are. We have the principles, and we have the materials that attract each other. Men can't construct any kind of machinery that will run without an operator. When electricity arrives ar perfection, the wires will be connected around the earth, and branches leading from each nation to corroborate with it for its support. The government which the Eagle represents is constructed on this heavenly planetary system. The day will come when some man can explain the entire system. There will be new discoveries made in more territory or islands. Gold and silver are the standard of currency; gold represents the sun—it has the attracting and ruling point; silver is the reverse—it holds the balance of power. The day will come when fluctuating currency will disperse like chaff before the wind, to return no more. Wine is the pure beverage; it represents the sun. The day will come when malt liquors will disperse like the dew before the sun. The day will come when a man commits a crime he will be detected and brought to justice. A man that commits a crime, knows that he commits a crime. A man that is charged with a crime, knows whether he is guilty or innocent of that crime. A man that commits a crime leaves a trail that can be followed to his den and be detected. The correct way to detect men is to ask them questions varying from the crime that they are guilty of, and they may answer questions correctly or incorrectly, at their pleasure; it makes but little difference. If they refuse to answer questions, you have the bird. If a man is innocent, he will answer questions readily and correctly; if he is guilty, he will answer varying. The detector should keep his eyes placed on the culprit's face when investigating him, as seeing and hearing runs through the same

channel. This branch of business requires men to be keen, shrewd, and thorough going, and combativeness with penetrating minds, to be successful. If they are not possessed of these qualities, they may as well stay at home.

A word to statesmen: In the course of human events, it becomes necessary that man's laws should be placed on a level with God's laws in respect to woman's rights. They are trampled under foot in certain circumstances, and the laws should be to correspond with each sex; the aggressor should be placed on a level with his victim. If a man wishes to be successful in any branch of business, he should study nature. The earth is the central depot. Its resources are inexhaustable in every respect. When one resource gives out, there is another more substantial to take its place. There will be more new discoveries in mining in different localities of the earth, in each department of metals, in each department of drugs, and in oils and salts. The earth and the sea is where mankind resort to for the sustenance of life and luxuries, and it requires the sweat of the brow to produce those blessings.

God created the earth and all things thereon; he created everything for a certain purpose or sphere, or a body to act within itself. We will take sweets and sours and bitters, and other ingredients, and throw this mixture together in a tub. In a few days they will commence to foment, and will keep on fomenting till they will purify and settle. God created Adam and Eve; he created them after his own heart, which is pure; he placed them in the Garden of Eden; the Serpent beguiled Eve, and she ate the forbidden fruit, and through Adam and Eve the race of man became corrupt. Now, I will present this earth as a big tub, and we have sweets, sours, and bitters; or, in other words, corruption of each and every kind that the human mind can invent; and those varieties of bodies are in this tub; they will gradually foment and purify; the corruption of the white man enslaved the black man; the corruption of the white man liberated the black man, and a mixture of corruptions throwed together in bodies would finally foment and purify, and be as pure and clean as the morning sun. Each denomination of Christian bodies is a representation of those heavenly bodies that surround the sun as a centre. The minister of the Gospel is a representation of Christ, or, in other words, the sun. His Christian brethren are a representation of the Saints, or, in other words, the planet Herschel. Each denomination is a body within itself, to act within itself. Each nation is a representation of those heavenly bodies that revolve around the sun as a center. Each nation is a body within itself, to act within itself. Each State is a representation of those heavenly bodies that revolve around the sun as a center. Each State is a body within itself, to act within itself. Each County in a State is a representation of those heavenly bodies that revolve around the sun as a center. Each County is a body within itself, to act within itself.

Any man wishing to receive the full force and meaning of a sermon, should place their eyes on the speaker's face during his remarks. The better the minister of the Gospel understands the Bible, the better he can explain the Bible, and the correcter they explain the Bible, the correcter the people understands the Bible.

A man's intellect expands as the leaves of a tree expands in any climate where he resides, and he becomes solid as winter approaches; and every year the tree gets older, it gets larger; and every year a man gets older, he gets wiser, until old age, or some disease, may affect him. God created man, and he created them to be equal in one sense; that is, the white man to be equal with the white man, and the black man to be equal with the black man.

A word to the leaders of each nation: Let the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six be the commencement of the great work of reformation of nations. Those nations which never have had their governments established on the correct principles, your duty is to establish them on the correct principles, and then carry those principles out. The leaders of nations should mingle through each other with brotherly love for each other, and let your light, and knowledge, and attraction, be thrown out and reflect through each other, and by these means there is a great source of knowledge to be obtained. These are the principles that the heavenly bodies bear to each other, and man is no better than those heavenly bodies. They are all God's work. Each State should follow the same principles. Each denomination of Christian bodies should follow these same principles, and carry those principles out. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me; and I say unto you, my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do; but I will forewarn you whom you should fear: fear Him which after He hath killed, hath power to cast into hell. I know thy works. Behold, I set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it, for thou hath a little strength, and hath kept my word, and hath not denied my name." But godliness, with contentment, is great gain, for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out; and having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptations and snares, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which lead men to destruction and perdition; for the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some covet after they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness; fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life whereunto thou art also called, and hath professed a good profession before many witnesses; charge them that are rich in this

world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly of all things to enjoy that they do good; that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute willingly, to communicate largely, and lay up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come that they may hold on to eternal life. Now, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the water, and he that hath no money come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in patience. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. Hear, gold-diseases of earth, give yourself for this gold, and be truly one forever rich. Be ye therefore ready, also, for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Hold fast these promises steadfast unto the end, and never cast away your confidence, which hath so great a recompence of reward, and repent of whatever wrong ye have done, or duty left undone, and return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon you; even come humbly to God and he will abundantly pardon all your sins. I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels, as being my true disciples. Hold that fast which thou hast; see it is but a little while that you have to labor and watch and suffer for my sake; so if you are faithful, it is but a little time till the crown will be yours, and yours forever, without the possibility of again losing it. The crown is an emblem of the highest honor, wealth, and happiness. Why the exhortation to hold that fast which thou hast if there were no possibility of letting it go or losing it? Therefore, let us give the more earnest heed to the things we have, lest at any time we should let them slip, and the inheritance prepared for us be taken possession of by another. This is certainly the plain common teachings of the text. Thou ought to be one kind of a man—either a good man or a bad man; there are many persons living so near the line which divides between right and wrong, it is hard to tell whether they are good or bad. But God cannot be deceived. "I will spew thee out of my mouth." Food is taken into the stomach for the purpose of nourishing, strengthening, and building up the body; so when we are received into Christ, it is for the same purpose, that we may nourish, and build up his body, the Church. But if we answer not to this legitimate object, we shall be cast out as lukewarm water or offensive food from the mouth. God will open the windows of heaven, and pour him out such a blessing there shall not be room to contain it. If man will ask, God will give. God has given us eyes and ability to open or close them, but does not force us to do either, therefore the opening of our eyes and seeing, or the closing of our eyes and not seeing, is our own

act, for we are moral agents, and treated as such. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all; and he is exhibited as dwelling in light, unapproachable and full of glory, whom no man hath seen or can see while the spirit is imprisoned in the body. Light is first in grace as well as in nature; wherefore God hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father; for, what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man gain in exchange for his soul? For the son of man should come in the glory of his Father, with his angels, and then he should reward every man according to his worth. and the vision of all is become unto you as the words of the book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying: Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed; and then the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying: Read this, I pray thee: and he saith I am not learned. wherefore the Lord said, forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts far from me, and their fear towards me is taught by the precept of men; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work. And when this cometh to pass, (for, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.—Ezekiel, xxxiii, 33.

Among this people even a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.—Isaiah xxix. 11-14.

Religion is a body within itself, and acts within itself, and causes men to act within themselves. It presents itself in as many different ways as there are shades of color. For instance, love, joy, happiness, attraction, fear, doubt, kindling up, shocks or modified states and tears. God never requires more of men than he gives ability. He first gives ability, then they should use that ability. Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power and glory, and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all, and in thy hands is power and might, and in thy hands it is to make great and to give strength unto all. We acknowledge, O thou lamb of God, that our power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings come of Thee, for Thou art the giver of every good and perfect gift—the author of our present and eternal salvation. Reform! Reform! Reform! Wake up!

"This is the word of truth and love;
Sent to the nations from above,
Jehovah here resolves to show
What his Almighty grace can do.
May but this grace my soul renew;
Let sinners gaze and hate me too;
The word that saves me does engage
A sure defense from all thy rage."

It is, moreover, worthy of our notice, as we are informed by church history, that not a single Jew Christian perished at the siege of Jerusalem. God, in mercy to man, after due warning, often destroyed those nations when they proved to be incorrigibly wicked. This is precisely the manner in which he dealt with the unbelieving, blaspheming and incorrigible Jews, when at the siege of Jerusalem he destroyed 1,500,000, and scattered the remainder of them abroad among the nations, unto this day. God is no respecter of persons, but he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him in every nation.—Every man's works are to be measured, or tried, and every one finally acquitted, or condemned; where little is given little is required; where much is given, much will be required; for he that knoweth his master's will and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes; but he that knoweth not and doeth his master's will, shall be beaten with few. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon; for my thoughts are not your thoughts; neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts. Jesus Christ, who was to rule all nations by his law and gospel, and finally to break in pieces as a potter's vessel whatever opposeth the progress of his kingdom. O, Truth, whither hast thou fled? O, Justice, why standeth thou afar off? O, unrighteousness, where is thy dwelling place? What is to be the awful fate of those who turn away from the pure gospel system to believe fables and receive the doctrines of devils or anti-Christ, and disbelieve and disturb the Lamb of God—the Savior—the only means given under heaven whereby we must be saved? for the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do; for as the rain cometh down and the snow from the heavens and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my words be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall complete that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereto I sent it; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. This is the most beautiful image of the infinite affection of our Heavenly Father which can be found in all the records of time. The Bible, with all its excellent and refined imagery, brings up this as the crowning glory, as kind parents pity their innocent and suffering children,

and take them to their bosoms and gently wipe away their tears of sorrow, and console them with pitying words, so the Lord pitieth his children and cares for his people and bears them in his bosom, nourishes them with his grace, and consoles them with his promises, and wipes away their tears and removes all causes of distress, suffering and grief.

Kind reader, this is the happiness of those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. Art thou washed? O, rest not till thou art washed and hast on the wedding garment and art prepared for the inheritance of the saints.—Take those multitudes of redeemed mortals for an example of suffering, and of patience, and of faithfulness. And be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life; and blessings, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power and might, be unto our God, forever and ever, amen.

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I will be thankful to the editors of newspapers to copy this message in their papers. And also I will request the good citizens of nations to see that this message is placed in each household.

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